



# *Milwaukee County*

## Supervisor David Bowen, District 10

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### **SUPERVISOR BOWEN TAKES A STAND FOR JUSTICE**

**Milwaukee** – Milwaukee County Supervisor David Bowen, District 10, has issued the following statement regarding the death of Derek Williams:

“The recent developments in the City of Milwaukee Police custody death of Derek Williams have prompted me to assure Milwaukee County that I am committed to holding all officials accountable. I am further committed to ensuring that these incidents do not become a trend in which residents, especially young people of color, are deemed guilty by law enforcement before being proven innocent.

“Derek Williams was prejudged when his pleas for help were not taken seriously. The officers involved in this situation clearly gambled with the life of this young man when they chose not to call for medical assistance. Even being caught by police red-handed breaking the law does not give officers the right to neglect anyone’s well-being. Existing Milwaukee Police Department policy expresses this, yet policy was not followed.

“Derek’s three children are now without a father. Depriving him of medical attention was inhumane, and we, as a community, need to stand up to ensure that officers who work to protect and serve this community do their job with care and integrity.

“All members of this community are encouraged to contact their elected officials to change policies and practices on the City, County and State levels so this does not happen again.”

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